

# On the comparison of results regarding the post-Newtonian approximate treatment of the dynamics of extended spinning compact binaries

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A brief review is given of all the Hamiltonians and effective potentials calculated hitherto covering the post-Newtonian (pN) dynamics of a two body system. A method is presented to compare (conservative) reduced Hamiltonians with nonreduced potentials directly at least up to the next-to-leading-pN order.

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## I. POST-NEWTONIAN MODELING AND RESULTS OF THE TWO BODY DYNAMICS

The post-Newtonian (pN) treatment of the dynamics of two bodies in general relativity has to incorporate both spin and tidal force induced mass multipoles of the constituents of the physical systems [1]. In our analysis we will focus on the spin multipole degrees of freedom and present some illuminating results, that will be useful for future research of gravitational wave data extraction from such a system. One easy way to start to model such a system is by choosing the representation by Tulczyjew's singular stress-energy tensor[2]  $T_{\mu\nu}$ , with the greek coordinate indices running from 0 to 3, in the following way

$$\sqrt{-g}T^{\mu\nu}(x^\sigma) = \int d\tau \left[ u^{(\mu} p^{\nu)} \delta_{(4)} + \left( u^{(\mu} S^{\nu)\alpha} \delta_{(4)} \right)_{||\alpha} + \frac{1}{3} R_{\alpha\beta\rho}^{(\mu} J^{\nu)\rho\beta\alpha} \delta_{(4)} - \frac{2}{3} (J^{\mu\alpha\beta\nu} \delta_{(4)})_{||(\alpha\beta)} + \dots \right], \quad u^\mu = \frac{dz^\mu}{d\tau}, \quad \delta_{(4)} = \delta(z^\sigma - x^\sigma) \quad (1.1)$$

with the body's 4-velocity  $u^\mu$ , the 4-momentum  $p_\mu$ , the antisymmetric spin tensor  $S^{\mu\nu}$  modeling the pole-dipole structure and Dixon's reduced quadrupole moment tensor  $J^{\mu\alpha\beta\nu}$  modeling first order finite size effects while possessing the same symmetries as the Riemann tensor  $R^{\mu\alpha\beta\nu}$ . It follows a decomposition of  $J^{\mu\alpha\beta\nu}$  into stress, flow and the symmetric trace-free mass quadrupole  $Q_{\mu\nu}$ . The latter is given by the ansatz with a vector  $f_\mu$  to which the spin is orthogonal,  $S^{\mu\nu} f_\nu = 0$

$$Q_{\mu\nu} = \frac{C_Q}{m} \left( S_{\mu\rho} S_\nu{}^\rho - \frac{1}{3} P_{\mu\nu} S^{\rho\sigma} S_{\rho\sigma} \right), \quad P^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{f_\rho f^\rho} f^\mu f^\nu. \quad (1.2)$$

and is parametrized only by  $C_Q$  in the Newtonian limit and quadratic level in spin fully encoding the rotational deformation. For black holes one has  $C_Q = 1$  [3] while for neutron star models  $C_Q$  depends on the equations of state [4] and varies between  $4.3 \dots 7.4$ . The next step to perform explicit pN calculation is complex in various ways. We compare two prominent methods. One method aims at calculating a Hamiltonian. This is achieved by a 3+1 decomposition of Einstein's field equations and the energy-momentum tensor from Eq. (1) leading to constraints which have to be fulfilled at all times on the 3-dimensional hypersurfaces orthogonal to the time direction. We then use the ADM formalism as outlined in [5] to find the canonical set of variables  $(\hat{\mathbf{z}}_I, \hat{\mathbf{p}}_I, \hat{\mathbf{S}}_I)$  with the body label  $I = 1, 2$  fulfilling their standard canonical Poisson bracket relations  $\{\hat{z}_I^i, \hat{p}_{Jj}\} = \delta_{ij} \delta_{IJ}$  and  $\{\hat{S}_{I(i)}, \hat{S}_{J(j)}\} = \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{S}_{I(k)}$  with  $i, j, k$

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TABLE I: Post-Newtonian Hamiltonians known to date

order	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5
$H^N$								
PM	$+ H^{1PN}$		$+ H^{2PN}$	$+ H^{2.5PN}$	$+ H^{3PN}$	$+ H^{3.5PN}$	$+ (H^{4PN})$	$+ \{H^{4.5PN}\}$
SO		$+ H_{SO}^{LO}$		$+ H_{SO}^{NLO}$		$+ H_{SO}^{N^2LO}$	$+ H_{SO}^{LO,R}$	$+ (H_{SO}^{N^3LO})$
$S_1^2$			$+ H_{S_1^2}^{LO}$		$+ H_{S_1^2}^{NLO}$		$+ (H_{S_1^2}^{N^2LO})$	$+ \{H_{S_1^2}^{LO,R}\}$
$S_1 S_2$			$+ H_{S_1 S_2}^{LO}$		$+ H_{S_1 S_2}^{NLO}$		$+ H_{S_1 S_2}^{N^2LO}$	$+ H_{S_1 S_2}^{LO,R}$
spin <sup>3</sup>						$+ [H_{S_3^3}^{LO}]$		$+ (H_{S_3^3}^{NLO})$
spin <sup>4</sup>							$+ [H_{S_4^4}^{LO}]$	
$\vdots$								$\ddots$
{.} EOM known    [.] for Black Holes only    (.) not known (yet)								

running from 1 to 3 and the round brackets around them indicate the components of local Lorentz indices  $a, b, \dots$  from the beginning of the alphabet, so  $a \in \{(0), (i)\}$ . The spin tensor  $S_{ab}$  defined in a local Lorentz frame is therefore connected to the coordinate frame by a vierbein transformation  $S_{ab} = e_{a\mu} e_{b\nu} S^{\mu\nu}$ . The ADM formalism also leads to a formula for calculating the Hamiltonian in full reduced phase space by imposing the ADM  $TT$  or transverse traceless gauge to the 3-metric on the 3-hypersurface and by choosing the correct (canonical) spin supplementary condition (SSC) which fixes the center of the object. By expansion of the constraints in pN powers of  $\frac{v^2}{c^2} \sim \frac{Gm}{rc^2}$  one ends up with a perturbative scheme to calculate Hamiltonians to formally arbitrary pN orders. The general Hamiltonian being the generator for the equations of motion of the binary therefore intrinsically adopts the post-Newtonian expansion of the field equations. As the spin is of pN order  $1/c$  or  $1/c^2$  depending on its strenght the formal labeling is such that we call the first post-Newtonian spin Hamiltonians not 1.5pN or 2.5pN according to formal counting rules but just the leading order (LO) ones and the higher corrections we call next-to-leading (NLO) and next-to-next-to-leading order ( $N^2LO$ ). In table I we give a list of all known pN Hamiltonians for the case of maximally rotating objects where  $|\mathbf{S}| = \frac{Gm^2\chi}{c}$  with the dimensionless spin  $\chi = 1$ .  $H^N$  is the Newtonian Hamiltonian, PM means point mass,  $H^{nPN}$  with  $n \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$  are the conservative pure point mass Hamiltonians,  $H^{\frac{n}{2}PN}$  are the dissipative (radiative) pure point mass Hamiltonians, SO refers to spin-orbit coupling,  $S_1 S_2$  to spin(1)-spin(2) coupling and  $S_1^2$  to spin quadrupole coupling involving the constant  $C_Q$ . LO,R in the index indicates the dissipative counterpart to leading order, so  $H_{S_1^2}^{LO,R}$  is the radiative counterpart to the conservative part  $H_{S_1^2}^{LO}$ . Obviously, the radiative part is much higher in pN order than the conservative part, but nevertheless they are important to cover the dynamics to 4.5pN order consistently; up until now the radiation field is known to 2.5pN order only. One other method to arrive at pN equations of motion is the derivation of effective potentials which are subtly related to Hamiltonians by a Legendre transformation. This derivation is most effectively achieved by sophisticated methods from Effective Field Theory (EFT) that uses full knowledge from quantum field theoretical calculations. Up until now, pN potentials have been calculated to 3pN order [8] for point masses and to NNLO for spin(1)-spin(2) coupling [9].

## II. COMPARISON BETWEEN EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY POTENTIALS AND ADM HAMILTONIANS

Effective potentials are part of a Lagrangian with the Newtonian kinetic energy  $T_N$

$$L_{eff} = T_N - V_{eff} = \frac{m_1}{2} v_1^2 + \frac{m_2}{2} v_2^2 - V_{eff}. \quad (2.1)$$

The conservative effective potential  $V_{eff}$  for two interacting bodies is pN expanded up to next-to-leading order (NLO) spin effects in the following way

$$V_{eff} = V_{PM} + V_{SO}^{LO} + V_{S_1^2}^{LO} + V_{S_2^2}^{LO} + V_{S_1 S_2}^{LO} + V_{SO}^{NLO} + V_{S_1^2}^{NLO} + V_{S_2^2}^{NLO} + V_{S_1 S_2}^{NLO}. \quad (2.2)$$

One key difference between EFT potentials and ADM Hamiltonians is that in most cases the potentials still depend on the  $S^{(0)(i)}$ -components of the spin tensor, which have to be fixed by choosing an appropriate SSC. For a direct

TABLE II: Agreement between EFT potentials and ADM Hamiltonians

$V_{NLO}^{SO}$ Levi[11]		$H_{NLOADM}^{SO}$ Damour/Jaranowski/Schäfer[12, 13]
$V_{NLO}^{SO}$ Porto[14]		
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$V_{NLO}^{S_1 S_2}$ Porto/Rothstein[15, 16]	$\approx$	$H_{NLOADM}^{S_1 S_2}$ Steinhoff/Hergt/Schäfer[13, 17]
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$V_{NLO}^{S_1^2}$ Porto/Rothstein[18, 19]		$H_{NLOADM}^{S_1^2}$ Hergt/Steinhoff/Schäfer [20]

comparison a formal Legendre transformation of the nonreduced potentials is conducted yielding the effective Hamiltonian  $H_{eff}$ , which is been followed by a reduction process in phase space in order to arrive at a canonical set of variables, see [10] for details. This ‘canonicalization’ is most transparently accomplished by reducing the following effective action

$$S_{eff} = \int dt L_{eff} = \int dt \left( p_{1i} \dot{z}_1^i + p_{2i} \dot{z}_2^i - \frac{1}{2} S_{1ab} \Omega_1^{ab} - \frac{1}{2} S_{2ab} \Omega_2^{ab} - H_{eff}(\mathbf{z}_I, \mathbf{p}_I, S_{Iab}) \right). \quad (2.3)$$

Here we have defined the angular velocity tensor  $\Omega^{ab} \equiv \Lambda_A^a \dot{\Lambda}^{Ab}$  rendering  $\Omega^{ab}$  antisymmetric and  $\Lambda_{A\mu} \Lambda_\nu^A = g_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $\Lambda_{Aa} \Lambda_b^A = \eta_{ab}$  with  $(A, B, \dots) \in \{[0], [i]\}$  being the body-fixed frame labels. The reduced action has to read

$$\hat{S}_{eff} = \int dt \left( \hat{p}_{1i} \dot{\hat{z}}_1^i + \hat{p}_{2i} \dot{\hat{z}}_2^i - \frac{1}{2} \hat{S}_{1(i)(j)} \hat{\Omega}_1^{(i)(j)} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{S}_{2(i)(j)} \hat{\Omega}_2^{(i)(j)} - H_{can}(\hat{\mathbf{z}}_I, \hat{\mathbf{p}}_I, \hat{\mathbf{S}}_I) \right) \quad (2.4)$$

with  $\hat{\Omega}^{(i)(j)} = \hat{\Lambda}_{[k]}^{(i)} \dot{\hat{\Lambda}}^{[k](j)}$  given by a nonlinear shift of  $\Lambda^{[k](i)}$  to  $\hat{\Lambda}^{[k](i)}$  so that  $\hat{\Lambda}^{[k](i)} \hat{\Lambda}^{[k](j)} = \delta_{ij}$ . This reduction is achieved by inserting the covariant SSC  $S_{ab} u^b = 0$  as well as its conjugate condition  $\Lambda^{[i]a} u_a = 0$  into  $\frac{1}{2} S_{ab} \Omega^{ab}$  and performing a pN approximate variable transformation of spin and position reading

$$\begin{aligned} z_1^i = & \hat{z}_1^i - \left[ \frac{1}{2m_1^2} p_{1k} \hat{S}_{1(i)(k)} \left( 1 - \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^2}{4m_1^2} \right) - G \frac{m_2}{m_1^2} \frac{p_{1k} \hat{S}_{1(i)(k)}}{\hat{r}_{12}} + \frac{3}{2} G \frac{p_{2k} \hat{S}_{1(i)(k)}}{m_1 \hat{r}_{12}} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{G}{2} \frac{\hat{n}_{12}^k (\hat{\mathbf{n}}_{12} \cdot \mathbf{p}_2) \hat{S}_{1(i)(k)}}{m_1 \hat{r}_{12}} + G \frac{m_2}{m_1^2} \frac{\hat{S}_{1(k)(l)} \hat{S}_{1(i)(l)} \hat{n}_{12}^k}{\hat{r}_{12}^2} + G \frac{\hat{n}_{12}^k \hat{S}_{1(i)(l)} \hat{S}_{2(k)(l)}}{m_1 \hat{r}_{12}^2} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{1(i)(j)} = & \hat{S}_{1(i)(j)} - \left[ \frac{p_{1[i} \hat{S}_{1(j)](k)} p_{1k}}{m_1^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^2}{4m_1^2} \right) - \frac{2Gm_2}{m_1^2 \hat{r}_{12}} p_{1[i} \hat{S}_{1(j)](k)} p_{1k} \right. \\ & + \frac{3G}{m_1 \hat{r}_{12}} p_{1[i} \hat{S}_{1(j)](k)} p_{2k} + \frac{G}{m_1 \hat{r}_{12}} p_{1[i} \hat{S}_{1(j)](k)} \hat{n}_{12}^k (\hat{\mathbf{n}}_{12} \cdot \mathbf{p}_2) \\ & \left. + \frac{2Gm_2}{m_1^2 \hat{r}_{12}^2} p_{1[i} \hat{S}_{1(j)](l)} \hat{S}_{1(k)(l)} \hat{n}_{12}^k + \frac{2G}{m_1 \hat{r}_{12}^2} p_{1[i} \hat{S}_{1(j)](l)} \hat{S}_{2(k)(l)} \hat{n}_{12}^k \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Those formulas are valid to transform the potentials at least to NLO to their canonical Hamiltonian counterpart, which enabled us to obtain an overall agreement of all EFT NLO potentials with their corresponding ADM Hamiltonian as displayed in table II up to canonical transformations indicated by  $\approx$ , see [10] for a thorough investigation.

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